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KOMSOPTOL AND VKP(b) CONFERENCES

PRIMORSKIY KRAY KOMSOMOL CONFERENCE

First Day Reviews Past Year -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 10, 13 Jan 49

A report made by A. P. Ratalov, Secretary of the Primorsky Krai VKSM, at the Fifth Conference of the Krai Komsomol Committee reviewed the past year's work of the organization. The work of improving Communist education of youth was of prime importance in the activities of the Komsomol in 1948. The Krai now has 664 primary political circles, 35 political schools, 288 political circles studying the biographies of Lenin and Stalin, and 111 political circles studying the Short Course on the History of the VKP(b). The Krai Committee, however, has not made sufficient effort to include all Komsomols in the training program, so that 5,000 Komsomols throughout the Krai are not taking any phase of political education.

Formalism in the political education system in many cases has resulted in failure to consider the political and general educational background of the students and also in boring and uninteresting courses. The Kray Committee has been unsuccessful in training Komsomol propagandists and in organizing lectures and reports which, according to a resolution adopted in the Fourth Kray Komsomol Conference, should be given no less than once a month in each enterprise, institution, and school. The Kray has 5,130 Komsomol agitators who were particularly active in the period prior to the elections to the people's courts. The majority of city and rayon Komsomol committees are entirely too lax in directing the work of agitators.

Serious criticisms were directed against the Kray youth newspaper Tikhookeanskiy Komsomlets at the Fourth Kray Komsomol Conference last year. The Kray Komsomol Committee and the editors of the newspaper since then have taken measures to improve the paper. Now the paper is of great aid to the Kray Committee in improving Komsomol organizations' work, in educating youths, and in directing socialist competitions. Ratanov outlined the deficiencies which still exist.

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The report further criticized survivals of capitalism and subservience to foreign thought which has persisted in several Komsomol sections. The majority of youth, however, are commended for their high moral character.

The report was next concerned with the organizational problems of the Komsomol and the growth of membership since the Fourth Conference. The Kray Committee has made a particular effort to set up Komsomol organizations on kolkhozes. Only eight kolkhozes in the kray do not have a Komsomol organization. The growth of Komsomol membership among working youth, kolkhoz youth, and particularly among students, has been slow and unsatisfactory. The work of 293 committees and secretaries of Komsomol organizations was claimed unsatisfactory at recent meetings of the individual organizations. A considerable number of primary organizations did not admit any members in the last half of 1948.

The serious decline in the Komsomol work in the schools and among teachers and senior pioneer leaders is evidenced by the fact that 200 Komsomol teachers have not completed secondary pedagogical education, two-thirds of these are not studying now, and 71 out of 162 practising senior pioneer leaders have not had secondary education.

Day Session, 13 January -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 11, 14 Jan 49

Secretary Shtepa of the Voroshilov Railroad Terminal Committee of the VLEEM made the first report at the 13 January session of the Fifth Primorsky Kray Komsomol Conference. Shtepa criticized the Primorsky Kray Komsomol Committee for its failure to take interest in the activity of transport Komsomol organizations. The Kray Committee is at fault in the disruption of the very important gathering of Stakhanovites of the Primorsky Railroad System in 1948. Shtepa also criticized the kray Komsomol newspaper Tikhookeanskii Komsomolts for not clarifying Komsomol work in the city of Voroshilov and for not creating an extensive circle of writers in the cities and rayons of the kray.

Vikhryan, Secretary of the Ruzhinskiy Railroad Terminal Committee of the VLEEM, reported that local Komsomol committees and the Kray Committee are not putting enough pressure on directors of enterprises to improve living conditions for workers and to institute training for workers in general education night schools. The kray Komsomol newspaper was again criticized for failing to print sufficient material on political education of youth. Silin, Secretary of the Vladivostok City Committee of the VLEEM, criticized the personnel department of the Kray Committee for its failure to maintain high standards for komsomol workers. Six secretaries of rayon committees in the city of Vladivostok were removed in 1948 and many leaders are allowed to enter who are not qualified and must be removed after a short time.

Slodkevich, Doctor of Biological Sciences and Director of the Far East Base of the Academy of Sciences USSR, spoke of the wide interest among youths in studying the kray's natural resources and in adopting the latest achievements in biological and agrotechnical sciences for the agriculture of the kray. Slodkevich reported that the Government has ordered the Far East Base to institute an extensive admission of students as aspirants for degrees. The Kray Committee of the VLEEM should take active part in admitting the aspirants.

Delegate Shcherbakov told of the life of the Army Komsomols, of their achievements in military and political training, and reported that cooperation between the civilian and Army Komsomols had been strengthened since the Fourth Conference last year. There are still many rayons which do not have defense groups, and the volunteer societies (DOSARN, DOSFLOT, DOSAV) are not sufficiently active. There have been few lectures and reports on the Soviet Army in the kray. These conditions are the responsibility of the Military and Physical Culture Division (director, Zyryanov) of the Kray Komsomol Committee.

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The following delegates also gave reports at the conference: Chesnokov, delegate from the Khankayskiy Rayon Komsomol organization, Belyayeva, Secretary of the Komsomol Committee at the Zarubino Fish Combine; Shelyug, Secretary of the Budennovskiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Golikov, Secretary of the Pervorechenskiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Koblyakov, Secretary of the Artemovskiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Maslov, Komsomol organizer of the TsK VLESM at the Plant imeni Voroshilov; Shayan, Secretary of the Vladivostok Sel'skiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Rasshivin, delegate from the Grodekovski Rayon Komsomol organization; Doronin, Responsible Secretary of the Primorskiy Kray Division of the All-Union Society for Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge; Lapchenko, Secretary of the Khorol'skiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Sokruta, Secretary of the Suchan City Committee of the VLESM; Pinchuk, Secretary of the Chernigovski Rayon Komsomol Committee; Burda, Secretary of the Tetyukhinskiy Rayon Komsomol Committee; Glushchenko, Responsible Editor of the Kray newspaper Tikhookeanskiy Komsomolets; Boyko, Chairman of the Kray Committee for Affairs of Physical Culture and Sport; Slipen'kiy, Secretary of the Ol'ginskiy Rayon Committee of the VLESM.

Evening Session, 13 January -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 12, 15 Jan 49

The evening session opened with a report by Burda, Secretary of the Tetyukhinskiy Rayon Committee of the VLESM, who reported that the Kray Committee has paid little attention to the Komsomol organizations of the outlying rayons and offers little assistance to the directors of these Komsomol organizations. Burda stated that he has been in his position only 5 months and has had insufficient experience, but the Kray Committee has not aided him in his work.

Delegate Fatigarov told of the leadership by the kray Komsomol organization of the Pacific Ocean Fleet. Relations between the civilian and fleet Komsomols were strengthened after the Fourth Conference one year ago. Little has been done to increase the number of youths studying naval affairs in the kray, and the organization of LOEFLOT groups is progressing slowly.

Tuyakova, Representative of the TsK VLESM, reported that the kray Komsomol organization, directed by the kray Party organization, is successfully fulfilling its task in furthering Communist education of youth. There are, however, nearly 5,000 Komsomols in the kray who are not included in the political education system and the quality of training is still poor in some instances.

Khomenko, Secretary of Propaganda and Agitation of the Kray Committee of the VLESM, and Aronov, Secretary of the Kray Committee of the VEP(b), gave the final reports at the 14 January session.

New Members Elected -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 12, 15 Jan 49

The following were chosen as members of the Primorskiy Kray Committee of the VLESM by the Fifth Kray Conference of the VLESM:

Andreyev, M. I.
Brazhnikov, N. G.
Boyko, N. P.
Breslavets, A. I.
Belyayeva, O. G.
Burda, I. A.
Vyatkina, V. P.
Glushchenko, N. A.
Golikov, V. Ye.
Dmitriyeva, N. A.
Yeluf'er'yev, A. A.

Kuznetsova, V. D.
Klimova, L. P.
Kanyukin, L. P.
Klishin, G. V.
Karpov, P. V.
Kudryavtseva, N. N.
Lyakh, P. Ye.
Lyakhov, I. V.
Lobanov, P. K.
Levi, M. A.
Lapchenko, S. L.

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Yezepchuk, L. M.
 Yelovikova, N. A.
 Zyryanov, A. Ye.
 Kolesnikova, N. F.
 Klyuchnik, V. D.
 Oleshko, V. K.
 Ognisty, P. I.
 Orlov, P. M.
 Petrov, A. M.
 Perebeynos, A. K.
 Potupayev, I. F.
 Purygin, V. T.
 Pechenkina, Ye. V.
 Pavlyuchenko, N. G.
 Plokhotnyuk, P. G.
 Ratanov, A. P.
 Ragozina, K. P.
 Romanyuk, M. U.
 Silin, V. N.
 Sergeev, G. F.

Maksimova, Z. S.
 Maslov, A. A.
 Norina, V. D.
 Malivayko, I. P.
 Organov, N. N.
 Sokruta, A. F.
 Slipen'kiy, M. Z.
 Sokolov, I. D.
 Statsenko, N. P.
 Cherednik, V. P.
 Chesnokov, D. I.
 Khomenko, A. F.
 Shvydkiy, A. S.
 Shelyug, I. I.
 Shevchenko, V. I.
 Shumeyko, I. F.
 Sholokhova, N. P.
 Chernigovskaya, R. N.
 Shcherbakov, P. L.

Candidates for Membership

Aleshina, Ye. S.
 Boyko, G. P.
 Barykov, V. N.
 Gontar', I. A.
 Gorshkov, G. M.
 Grankin, A. F.
 Kratasyuk, M. F.
 Leletka, Ye. F.

Lobachev, N. I.
 Prokopenko, G. F.
 Pinchuk, V. P.
 Pavlova, Ye. I.
 Rodik, A. A.
 Filippova, Ye. A.
 Khazova, Ye. Ye.

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Androsenko, N. N.
 Zhmakin, B. N.
 Yeleonskaya, R. M.
 Yoblyakov, N. G.
 Karatayeva, A. S.
 Perushova, N. P.

Sal'nikov, A. Ya.
 Shadrina, L. P.
 Khiterer, D. S.
 Yakuba, V. F.
 Shtepa, P. V.

Delegates to the Eleventh Congress of the VLEEM

Drachev, I. M.
 Yelovikova, N. A.
 Kolesnikova, N. F.
 Litvingov, V. M.
 Lobanov, P. K.

Purygin, V. T.
 Pechenkina, Ye. V.
 Ratanov, A. P.
 Shumeyko, I. F.
 Shcherbakov, P. L.

First Plenum Held -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 13, 16 Jan 49

The First Plenum of the Primorskiy Kray Committee of the VLEEM was held on 15 January 1949. The Plenum elected the following to the Bureau of the Kray Committee of the VLEEM: A. P. Ratanov, A. F. Khomenko, A. K. Perebeynos, V. D. Klyuchnik, N. F. Kolesnikova, V. T. Purygin, V. N. Silin, A. F. Sokruta, A. Ye. Zyryanov, N. A. Glushchenko, and V. P. Cherednik. The Plenum elected A. P. Ratanov as First Secretary of the Kray Committee; A. F. Khomenko, Second Secretary of the Kray Committee; V. D. Klyuchnik, Secretary of Propaganda and Agitation; A. K. Perebeynos, Secretary of Personnel of the Kray Committee; and N. F. Kolesnikova, Secretary for Work Among School Students and Pioneers.

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NOVOSIBIRSK OBLAST KOMSOMOL HOLDS FIFTH CONFERENCE

24 January Session -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 16, 25 Jan 49

The Fifth Novosibirsk Oblast Conference of the VLKSM began its sessions on 24 January, the first oblast Komsomol conference in 2½ years. Achievements of individual Komsomols in industry and agriculture were cited. The delegates sharply criticized the Oblast Committee and its directors for its failure to work with the lower-level Komsomol organizations and for their bureaucratic method of operation. The Oblast Committee is not efficient in its direction of the admission of youths to the Komsomol. The delegates reported that nearly 40 percent of the Komsomol organizations in the oblast failed to admit any members in the second half of 1948.

The Oblast Committee was also criticized for its inefficient leadership in the political education program. The Eighteenth Plenum of the TsK VLKSM clearly defined the problem of political and ideological training of youth. More than 30,000 Komsomols are now studying in the Komsomol education system, but the general condition of political training does not correspond to the requirements put forth in the Eighteenth Plenum. Directors of rayon and city Komsomol committees were also criticized by the delegates for their lack of cooperation in the political education program. They pointed out that the oblast Komsomol organizations contain many recently-admitted members who do not have the necessary training. The problem of political training of Komsomols was the prime topic of discussion.

25 January Session -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 17, 26 Jan 49

Ligachev, Secretary of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VLKSM, reported, at the Fifth Oblast Conference of the VLKSM, that there are 29,312 Komsomols working on kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and MTSs of the oblast and that 860 Komsomol control posts are in operation in industrial enterprises. The Komsomol organization admitted 8,000 new members to its ranks in the last 3 months of 1948. Many rayon Komsomol organizations, however, such as in Oyashinskiy, Karasukkiy, and other rayons, are not utilizing the political and productive activity of youths and are inefficient in maintaining and increasing Komsomol membership. Workers in industry and agriculture are not being accepted in sufficient numbers. Only 40.5 percent of the total membership in the oblast organization consists of workers and kolkhoz workers. The number of Komsomol political study circles and lectures for youth have increased. As of 1 January 1949, there were 2,767 Komsomol-youth political study circles in which 32,330 persons were given training. A total of 2,172 Komsomols are studying in political schools, 1,430 are independent political students, and 773 are studying in the Komsomol divisions of rayon party schools.

First Plenum -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 18, 28 Jan 49

The First Plenum of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VLKSM was held on 26 January. The following were elected members of the Bureau of the Oblast Committee: Ye. K. Ligachev, M. V. Vasil'yev, A. R. Zakharkin, A. Ya. Kryazhev, A. I. Pinayeva, P. V. Pristenskiy, V. M. Striganov, S. I. Polivtsev, and K. I. Gusev. Ye. K. Ligachev was elected First Secretary of the Oblast Committee; M. V. Vasil'yev, Second Secretary; A. R. Zakharkin, Secretary for Personnel of the Oblast Committee; A. Ya. Kryazhev, Secretary for Propaganda of the Oblast Committee; and A. I. Pinayev, Secretary of Schools of the Oblast Committee. The Plenum confirmed the appointment of V. V. Vasil'yev as Chief of the Division of Working Youth, Pristenskiy as Chief of the Division of Rural Youth, and Vashtayev as Chief of the Military and Physical Culture Division.

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NOVOSIBIRSK CITY KOMSOMOL EXTENDS TRAINING PROGRAM -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 12, 18 Jan 49

A report made by Striganov, Secretary of the Novosibirsk City Committee of the VLKSM, at the Eighteenth Novosibirsk City Conference of the VLKSM gave a complete picture of the Komsomol activities in the city. The Komsomol organization in the city now has 32,376 members and 1,264 Komsomol-youth brigades have been created in the city's enterprises. The city now has 610 political circles in which more than 10,000 Komsomols are studying party history, biographies of Lenin and Stalin, the USSR Constitution, etc. More than 300 Komsomols are studying in the party education system, 143 in rayon party schools, and 65 in the Night University of Marxism-Leninism; 2,521 Komsomols are attending night schools for working youth and 600 are in night and correspondence school courses of technical schools and institutes. Kryukov, a delegate to the conference, reported that the Komsomol organization at the Agricultural Machine-Building Plant has created a circle for political study in which 150 Komsomols and 20 nonunion youths are studying.

KOMSOMOL MEMBERSHIP INCREASES IN KOMSOMOL'SK -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 4, 6 Jan 49

The Komsomol organization in the city of Komsomol'sk has more than 5,500 members. Kostikov, Secretary of the City Komsomol Committee reports that nearly 6,000 young workers in the city's industries completed the annual plan ahead of schedule, and that more than 500 have already completed the 5-year quota. The plants and construction projects in the city have 325 Komsomol-youth brigades, almost one half of which were created this year. More than 5,000 Komsomols and nonunion youth are attending political study circles, night schools, and technical schools. Eleven new primary Komsomol organizations have been created and 757 persons have become members of the VLKSM within the last 2 months.

The following persons made reports of Komsomol activities at the eighth conference of the Komsomol'sk Komsomol: Zverev, Secretary of the Tsentral'nyy Rayon Committee of the VLKSM; Grebenkin, Secretary of the Stalinskiy Rayon Committee of the VLKSM; Olovyanikov, Secretary of the Komsomol Committee of Construction Trust No 6; Tarasov, Komsomol organizer at the "Amurstal'" Plant; Pugach, Komsomol organizer at the shipbuilding plant; Yermolin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Komsomol'sk Soviet of Workers' Deputies and Deputy to the Supreme Soviet USSR; Romanov, Secretary of the City Committee of the VKP(b); and Panov, Secretary of the Khabarovsk Kray Committee of the VLKSM.

ALEUTSKIY RAYON KOMSOMOL CRITICIZED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 3, 5 Jan 49

Petrovlevsk-na-Kamchatke -- A conference of Aleutskiy Rayon Komsomol was held on 4 January on Bering Island. Delegates to the conference sharply criticized the rayon Komsomol organization and its secretary, Ladygin, for unsatisfactory management of the primary Komsomol organizations and for serious deficiencies in the education work among young people. The conference demanded that the newly elected Rayon Committee of the VLKSM improve its work in the ideological training of youth and increase the leading role of the Komsomols in trade and industry.

CHITA CITY AND OBLAST KOMSOMOLS HOLD CONFERENCES

Chita City Conference -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 7, 11 Jan 49

It was reported at the Eleventh Conference of the Chita City Komsomol Organization that the ideological education work among youth had improved after having been the target of severe criticism at the last conference. There are now 104 political schools and study circles in the city with more than

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1,375 Komsomols and nearly 500 nonunion youth attending. The city organization has taken in 1,445 new members since the last conference, but the growth of many primary Komsomol organizations in enterprises has not been satisfactory. The city committee is still allowing many working youth to remain outside the political education system. More than 600 Komsomols in enterprises are not taking any kind of political training. More than one-half of the Komsomols in the city organization have a primary education, but only 500 students are attending night schools.

The following were among those who gave reports at the conference: Pyzhov, Secretary of the Chita Oblast Committee of the VLKSM; Dubovoy, Chairman of the Chita Soviet of Workers' Deputies; Vasil'yev, Secretary of the Chita City Committee of the VKP(b); and Voronov, Secretary of the Chita Oblast Committee of the VKP(b).

The conference elected a new staff of the Chita City Committee of the VLKSM and an auditing commission, also 50 delegates to the Fifth Chita Oblast Komsomol Conference. The following were elected to the Bureau of the City Committee by the First Plenum of the Chita City Committee of the VLKSM: A. P. Sharonov, Z. I. Kaplun, I. A. Ivanova, V. G. Vasil'yev, I. Ya. Pyzhov, A. P. Nikiforov, S. A. Zyablikov, A. M. Arshinskaya, and D. T. Timofeyev. A. P. Sharonov was elected First Secretary of the Chita City Committee of the VLKSM, Z. I. Kaplun was elected Secretary of Propaganda and Agitation of the City Committee of the VLKSM, and I. A. Ivanova was elected Secretary of Schools.

Chita Oblast Conference -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 14, 21 Jan 49

The Fifth Chita Oblast Komsomol Conference opened on 20 January. The following composed the presidium of the conference: G. I. Voronov and P. G. Golubev, Secretaries of the Chita Oblast Committee of the VKP(b); K. A. Koroteyev, Commander of the Transbaykal Military District; Pyzhov and Dmitriyev, Secretaries of the Chita Oblast Committee of the VLKSM; and others. In a report made by Pyzhov, Secretary of the Oblast Committee of the VLKSM, it was stated that the Oblast Committee had given much aid to agriculture in the oblast, and had mobilized as many as 2,396 Komsomols in cities and workers' settlements to help with harvesting on kolkhozes last August. Komsomol organizations in the oblast, however, were criticized for not making sufficiently extensive use of their right to control the activity of the kolkhoz administrations in those kolkhozes where there is no party organization.

Much of the effort of the Komsomol organizations since the Fourth Oblast Conference has been directed toward improving the political and ideological training of youth. More than 500 Komsomols were recruited to undertake the creation of a system of Komsomol education and 740 party members offered their services as leaders of study groups, consultants, and lecturers. Eighty-five percent of all Komsomols in the oblast and 6,000 nonunion youth are taking political training at present. The oblast now has 1,244 political study circles and political schools, 15 rayon night political schools, 32 permanent seminars for propagandists, and 10 courses for directors of schools and study circles. In addition, there are more than 3,000 Komsomols studying in the party education system, and 80 Komsomols are making independent studies of Marxist-Leninist theory. The oblast also has 155 Komsomol teachers' organizations in which 1,279 Komsomol teachers are studying. In the period since the Fourth Oblast Conference, the Komsomol organization has taken in 4,430 new members, and the number of individual Komsomol organizations having small membership has been cut down. The oblast organization has not made enough effort to install Komsomol committees in all kolkhoz organizations and there are now 200 kolkhoz organizations which do not have committees. Nearly 45 percent of all Komsomol organizations in the oblast failed to increase their membership in the second half of 1948, a condition which must be improved particularly in enterprises, railroad transport, trade and PZO schools and in MTSs.

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UZBEK KOMSOMOL REVIEWS PAST WORK -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 8, 12 Jan 49

The Twelfth Congress of the Uzbek SSR Komsomol began on 10 January in Tashkent. The following composed the presidium of the Congress: I. A. Iomakin, V. A. Bylbas, Ts. A. Kabanov, M. G. Vakhabov, I. Ye. Petrov, S. Murutdinov, V. Salykova, A. Kh. Khamidov, M. G. Chikovani, Ya. S. Nasretdinova, B. A. Kaipov, I. Azizov, Sh. Salyamova, and others. A. Khamidov, Secretary of the TsK LKSM of the Uzbek SSR, gave a comprehensive report on the work of the TsK LKSM of the Uzbek SSR in the 2 years since the Eleventh Congress. Khamidov reported that more than 21,000 young workers had graduated from Uzbek FZO, trade, and railroad schools in the last 2 years, but also stated that the selection of teachers for the labor reserve schools has not been satisfactory and that production training is often carried out on a crude technical basis. The rural Komsomol organization in the Uzbek SSR now has 140,000 members, with a Komsomol organization on all kolkhozes, MTBs, and sovkhozes in the Republic. The work of the Komsomol organizations as a whole, has been unsatisfactory in directing socialist competitions among rural youths, in strengthening labor discipline, and in educating young agricultural workers.

Although Komsomol organizations have made some improvement in organizing political education of youths, they are still not meeting the requirements set forth by the party and the TsK VLKSM. More than 50,000 Komsomols had no political training in 1947-48 in the Republic. The Komsomol organizations have not yet opened the Uzbek school for pioneer leaders which was decreed by the Eleventh Congress. The Komsomol must increase its activity among the Uzbek pioneer organizations, whose ranks now number 520,000 pioneers.

In the last 2 years, membership in the Uzbek Komsomol organizations has increased by more than 130,000 persons, but the level of work in some organizations is still low.

LATVIAN KOMSOMOL HOLDS CONFERENCE -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 29, 5 Feb 49

The Seventh Conference of the Latvian SSR Komsomol opened in Riga on 3 February 1949. A total of 600 delegates arrived from city, uyezd, and volost' organizations.

The agenda for the day included a report on the work of the Central Committee of the Latvian SSR Komsomol and elections of delegates to the Eleventh Congress of the All-Union Komsomol. Krumin', Secretary of the Central Committee of the Latvian Komsomol, made the first report.

Khabarovsk City Committee Holds Plenum -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 3, 5 Jan 49

A recent Plenum of the Khabarovsk City Committee of the VKP(b) discussed problems of Marxist-Leninist education of Communists in the city party organization. Kul'nevich, Secretary of Propaganda in the City Committee, reported that party education had expanded considerably since last year and that the system of party schools and circles has been developed on a wide scale. The number of students at the Night University of Marxism-Leninism has increased, and lecture propaganda is expanding. More than 350 lectures on party history and theory, the political economy of the USSR, and the current international situation have been given since the beginning of the school year. Nearly 3,000 Communists have expressed a desire to study Marxist-Leninist theory independently, and are receiving continual aid in their studies from the City Lecture Bureau in the House of Party Education. Kul'nevich cited in particular the well-organized and high-level party education work carried on by party organizations in the medical and pedagogical institutes and in the Plants imeni Kaganovich and imeni Ordzhonikidze.

There are cases, however, where individual schools and study circles are being conducted on a low ideological level, as, for example, in the political

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school at the Locomotive Roundhouse at Khabarovsk Station No 2. Attendance at circles for studying the history of the VKP(b) is only 70-75 percent on the average, and only 50-60 percent in the political schools.

The following also made reports and criticisms at the Plenum: Gal'perin, Secretary of the Party Bureau of the Administration of the Ministry of State Security for Khabarovsk Kray; Afonnikov, Secretary of Tsentral'nyy Rayon Committee of the VKP(b); Filippenin, Secretary of the Party Bureau of the Plant imeni Molotov; Bussel', Secretary of the City Committee of the Komsomol; Shvetsov, Chief of the Propaganda and Agitation Division of the Kray Committee of the VKP(b); Rogal', Secretary of the Khabarovsk Division of the Union of Soviet Writers; Karetin, Secretary of the Zheleznodorozhnyy Rayon Committee of the VKP(b); Gusev, Secretary of the Krasnoflotskiy Rayon Committee of the VKP(b); and Kalinnikov, Secretary of the Khabarovsk Kray Committee of the VKP(b). The Plenum relieved Reshetnikov of his duties as Second Secretary of the City Committee and elected S. V. Ryabov in his place.

PRIMORSKIY KRAY GROUPS CRITICIZED -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 294, 12 Dec 49

There are many serious deficiencies in the party education system in Kalininskiy Rayon, Primorskiy Kray. The form of training for 55 members and candidates of the party has not yet been determined, and other training programs in the system are not regulated according to the political and education level of the Communists. Attendance at some educational circles and political schools does not exceed 50 percent and the method of taking attendance is inefficient. The circle for studying the Short Course on the History of the VKP(b) in the party organization of the Rayon Office of Communications serves as a good example to other study groups. Effective training both as propagandist and as a student precedes each line of study in this circle. Every student takes part in discussing the basic questions posed by the propagandist. The most serious deficiency in most study courses is the lack of discussion of basic problems after the lecture has been delivered. Neither the primary party organizations nor the group of consultants, created especially to aid the independent scholar of Marxist-Leninist theory, are in the habit of controlling or extending aid to these independent students. Both independent and organized party instruction must be controlled more effectively and the party administration of political education improved.

KAZAKH OBLAST TRAINING PROGRAM SCORED -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

A report made by Bobrov, Secretary of the Severo-Kazakhstan Oblast Party Committee, to the TsK KP(b) Kazakh SSR stated that 95 percent of the members of the oblast party organization are studying in the party education system or are making independent studies. The number of party administrators who are studying in the University of Marxism-Leninism and in the rayon party schools has increased considerably, and 432 Communists in the oblast are studying in the correspondence division of higher and secondary school institutions.

The TsK KP(b) at the same time noted many serious deficiencies in the party education system. Attendance at the night party schools in Leninskiy, Konyukhovskiy, and Pritshimskiy Rayons does not exceed 60-70 percent, and Nurmakhanov, Secretary of the Sovetskiy Rayon Party Committee; Makarov, Chief of the Military Division of the Leninskiy Rayon Party Committee; and other directors have allowed interruptions in the course of study in circles and political schools. A considerable number of students at the University of Marxism-Leninism in the Petropavlovsk City Party Committee have not been confirmed and the seminar groups number as many as 80-100 students, with a subsequent decrease in the quality of training. The TsK KP(b) stated that all of these deficiencies in the education system are the result of the inefficiency on the part of the first secretaries of the Oblast Committee and rayon committees. The TsK KP(b) decreed that the requirements for propagandists should be

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increased, that the propagandists must be better prepared for teaching, and the oblast, city, and rayon committees must improve their work with the propagandist personnel. These committees are also required to hold conferences every 3 months on the progress of party education work and must then take concrete measures to abolish deficiencies which have occurred in the period under discussion.

ANDIZHAN OBLAST PARTY COMMITTEES CONFER

Secretaries Elected -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 4, 6 Jan 49

The Second Conference of the Andizhan Oblast Party Organization opened on 5 January. The following were elected secretaries of the Uzbek SSR TsK of the KP(b): Lomakin, Mirzaakhmedov, Mavlyanov, Dolenko, Shadyayev, Saidov, Rakhimov, Maloglazov, Tokhtasunov, Andreyev; Tursuna Karimova, Chairman of the Kolkhoz imeni Stalin in Leninskiy Rayon; Kurbanov, Secretary of the Andizhanskiy Rayon Committee of the Uzbek SSR of the KP(b); Khaydarov, Secretary of the Markhamatskiy Rayon Party Committee; Kariyev, Secretary of the Balykchinskiy Rayon Party Committee, and others.

Progress Reviewed -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 4, 6 Jan 49

A. Mavlyanov, Secretary of the Andizhan Oblast Committee of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR, reported at the Second Oblast Party Conference that the party organization in the oblast increased by 50 percent in the period between the first and second Oblast Party Conferences. Among the new members, 64.2 percent are Uzbeks and almost one third of those admitted as candidates to the VKP(b) are Komsomols. The proportion of Communists who have higher and secondary school education increased from 36.7 percent in February 1945 to 41.5 percent in January 1949. The oblast, city, and rayon party committees have increased the network of primary party organizations in the period from 1 January 1945 to 1 January 1949. There were 574 primary organizations in the oblast on 1 January 1945, while there are now 790 primary organizations, with a particularly great increase in the kolkhozes. In accordance with the Decree of the TsK VKP(b) and the Soviet of Ministers USSR of 3 February 1948, the oblast party organizations and the Oblast Party Committee have made considerable efforts to strengthen the soviet organizations and extend their field of activity. Many communists who have had long experience in party work have been sent to soviet organs. The staff of the executive committee of the Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies has been strengthened with experienced party workers; 174 of the 188 persons elected to the staffs of city and rayon executive committees are party members and candidates to party membership.

The Oblast Party Committee now includes a Night University of Marxism-Leninism, 26 rayon party schools, 264 political schools, and 96 study circles or the Short Course on the History of the VKP(b), as well as nearly 600 party members and candidates to party membership who are studying theory independently. The chief failure of the party education system in the oblast is that almost 1,500 Communists are not taking political training at present. Attendance at political schools and study circles has decreased in the first months of the school year. The party organizations are also failing to carry out the decree of the Eighteenth Plenum of the TsK KP(b) Uzbek SSR, which would ensure that all workers in an administrative position who have not had more than a primary school education should complete general secondary school education in 3-4 years. According to this decree, the oblast party organizations should have 538 Communists studying in general education schools, while actually it has only 175 at these schools and the attendance is irregular.

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ANDIZHAN CITY PARTY CONFERENCE

Electees to Presidium -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

The Twelfth Conference of the Andizhan City Committee of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR was opened on 2 January. Mirzaakhmedov, Secretary of the TsK of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR, and Mavlyanov, Shadyev, Dolenko, Rakhimov, Tokhtasunov, Andreyev, Alimov, Gasiyev, and others were elected to the Presidium of the conference. Rakhimov, Secretary of the Andizhan City Committee, presented a report on the work of the city party committee.

Report on Membership -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

I. Rakhimov, Secretary of the Andizhan City Committee of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR, in his report to the Twelfth Conference of the Andizhan City Committee, reported that as of 1 January 1949, the city party organization had more than 2,500 party members and candidates to party membership in its ranks, of which almost half are young Communists who entered the party during the war years. The majority of the Communists are now working in industrial enterprises, rail-road transport, and cooperative and local industry. During the period 25 August 1947 - 1 January 1949, the party accepted nearly 150 persons for membership from among the best workers, engineers, and technicians, and intelligentsia. It must be pointed out, however, that the growth of the party membership from among leading workers and engineers, etc., has been very slow in some cases. The party organization at Oil Plant No 6, Sewing Factory No 9, and other enterprises did not take any members into its ranks during that period, and the party organizations at the "Kommunar" Plant, the cannery and the locomotive depot took in only one member each.

A total of 200 Communists are studying in the Night University of Marxism-Leninism, 218 are in the city party school, nearly 500 in the political schools, and nearly 600 party members and party candidates are studying the Short Course on the History of the VKP(b) in study circles. Several hundred Communists are making independent studies of Marxist-Leninist theory. The prime necessity at present is to see that all Communists are included in political education. Every case of an interruption in the training in a political school or circle must be discussed in the sessions of the party bureaus or general party assemblies. The entire party educational system is working on a new program this year which must be fulfilled in all study groups.

Electees to Bureau -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 3, 5 Jan 49

The following officials made reports at the Twelfth Conference of the Andizhan City Committee of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR: Dadayan, Secretary of the Party Organization of the Andizhan Oblast Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Darvishev, Chief of the Propaganda and Agitation Division of the Andizhan City Committee of the KP(b) Uzbek SSR, Alimov, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet of Workers' Deputies. The First Plenum of the city party committee elected the following to the Bureau of the city committee: Mirzaakhmedov, Rakhimov, Usachev, Abdiev, Alimov, Neyman, Prikazhnikov, Gaznev, and Akhmedzhanov. Lavrenov and Mukhrumbayev were elected as candidates to membership in the Bureau.

MARKHAMATSKIY RAYON PARTY CONFERENCE -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

Khaydarov, Secretary of the Markhamatskiy Rayon Party Committee, Andizhan Oblast, reported at the Sixth Markhamatskiy Rayon Party Conference, held on 29-30 December, that the kolkhozes of the rayon completed the cotton procurement plan on 28 December and averaged a yield of 21 centners of cotton per hectare as compared with a 1947 yield of 16.3.

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The "Palvantash" oil field, located in the rayon, completed the Five-Year Plan for drilling and extracting petroleum in 2 years and 11 months. The party organization at the field is doing much to further the political education of the workers. Of the 70 party members and party candidates at the field, 68 are studying in the party school and study circles, and the party organization is conducting an extensive agitation program among the workers. The following were elected secretaries of the rayon party committee: Khaydarov, Grigor'yants, and Satkulov.

NOVOSIBIRSK OBLAST AND CITY COMMITTEES CONFER

Novosibirsk Oblast Conference -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 13, 19 Jan 49

The Fifth Plenum of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VKP(b) was held on 18 January 1949 and considered organizational problems. The Plenum relieved M. V. Kulagin of his duties as First Secretary of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee in connection with his appointment, by the TsK VKP(b), as a student in the retraining courses of the TsK VKP(b). I. D. Yakovlev was elected as member of the Bureau and First Secretary of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VKP(b). The Plenum also confirmed the appointment of I. G. Shkarban as Chief of the Division of Party, Trade Union, and Komsomol Organizations of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VKP(b).

Novosibirsk City Conference -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 13, 19 Jan 49

The Sixth Plenum of the Novosibirsk City Committee of the VKP(b) was held on 18 January 1949. The Plenum relieved M. V. Kulagin of his duties as First Secretary of the Novosibirsk City Committee of the VKP(b) and elected I. D. Yakovlev in his place. The Plenum confirmed the appointment of N. I. Gordenin as Chief of the Division of Propaganda and Agitation in the Novosibirsk City Committee of the VKP(b); A. A. Kutsenko, Chief of the Division of Party, Trade Union, and Komsomol Organizations; V. P. Pavlov, Chief of the Administrative Division; and P. S. Aboyantsev, Chief of the Division of City Economy in the Novosibirsk City Committee of the VKP(b).

UKRAINIAN PARTY CONFERENCE OPENS

Speakers Listed -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 28, 4 Feb 49

The following persons were speakers at the Sixteenth Congress of the KP(b) Ukrainian SSR: L. G. Mel'nikov, Secretary of the TsK KP(b) Ukrainian SSR; V. S. Markov, Secretary of Poltava Oblast Committee of the KP(b), Ukrainian SSR; M. M. Stakhar'iy, Secretary of Vinnytsa Oblast Committee of the KP(b), Ukrainian SSR; M. L. Bobrovskiy, Secretary of Shpolyarskiy Rayon Committee of the KP(b), Ukrainian SSR; and Ye. G. Paton, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR.

Additional Speakers -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 31, 8 Feb 49

The following persons were speakers at the Sixteenth Congress of the KP(b), Ukrainian SSR: M. T. Lala, Secretary of the Party Organization of the Kolchoz imeni Kalinin, Vysokopol'skiy Rayon, Kherson Oblast; N. M. Fomenko, Director of Metallurgical Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy; V. Ye. Semichastnyy, Secretary of the TsK LEEN, Ukrainian SSR; G. P. Zablodskiy, Chief of "Stalimgol" Combine; A. G. Kolybanov, Chairman of the Soviet of Trade Unions, Ukrainian SSR; A. F. Shinkarev, Minister of Construction Materials Industry Ukrainian SSR; I. F. Belobrov, Director of Makeyevka Metallurgical Plant imeni Kirov; and V. S. Fadeyev, Chief of "Voroshilovgradugol" Combine.

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GEORGIAN PARTY CONFERENCE OPENS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 24, 4 Feb 49

The following persons made speeches at the Fourteenth Congress of the KP(b) Georgian SSR: I. D. Kulukhov, Chairman of Yugo-Osetiya Oblast Executive Committee; Z. N. Kotskhoveli, Deputy Chairman of the Soviet of Ministers Georgian SSR; S. I. Chikvani, Chairman of the Administration of the Union of Soviet Writers Georgian SSR; and Z. N. Chkhvianiashvili, Chairman of Soviet of Ministers Georgian SSR.

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